



**GRAFTON TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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MEETING AGENDA
March 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Grafton Police Headquarters – Training Room

Call meeting to order:

Present:

Accept minutes of meeting held on May 13, 2021:

New Business:

1. Request from J.T. Ross to make the intersection of Appaloosa Dr. and Apple Ridge Lane, a four-way stop.
2. Request from Nelson Park Library Trustees to prohibit parking on both sides of Prentice St. between Shrewsbury St. and Creeper Hill Rd.
3. Request from Johnathon Nickerson to reduce speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph in the Airport Rd. neighborhood.
4. Request from Bill Fairbanks to post a "Hidden Street" (or similar) sign on Worcester St. and Donahue Lane.
5. Request from Malcom Reid to post speed limit signs or other devices on Hawthorne St.
6. Request from Josh Bedarian for "Traffic from Left Has a Stop Sign" (or similar) at Upton St. (Route 140) and South St.
7. Request from Keri Drake for a crosswalk and electronic warning signs and radar speed signs at the intersection of Old Westboro Rd., Gershom Dr. and Whitney St. and add connecting sidewalks from Grafton to Westboro that connects neighborhoods.
8. Request from John Karoway to restrict GURR truck traffic on Waterville St.

Old Business:

Adjourn:

EXHIBIT 1

Good afternoon,

My request is for the traffic safety committee to consider turning the intersection of Appaloosa Dr and Bridle Ridge Rd into a four-way stop (presently, it is a 2 way stop on Bridle Ridge).

Background:

I am the owner and resident at 10 Appaloosa Dr. in North Grafton, which until recently was one of four properties on a dead-end cul-de-sac of Appaloosa Dr. With the new extension of the road into the Bull Meadow Estates, the road is becoming prone to additional traffic and higher speeds approaching the intersection of Appaloosa Dr and Bridle Ridge Road. My request is for the traffic safety committee to consider turning this intersection into a four-way stop to slow traffic approaching the intersection that begins using Appaloosa as a cut thru to Morgan Dr out to Old Westborough Rd.

Please let me know if anything further is required to have this matter placed under consideration.

J.T. Ross

EXHIBIT 2



TOWN OF GRAFTON
Nelson Memorial Park &
Library Trustees
30 PROVIDENCE ROAD
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Normand Crepeau, Chairman
Traffic Safety Committee
Town of Grafton
30 Providence Road
Grafton, MA 01519

June 9, 2021

RE: No parking posting request

Dear Chief Crepeau,

Please accept this as our formal request to have the Traffic Safety Committee consider posting both the north and south sides of Prentice Street in-between Route 149 and Creeper Hill Road as "no parking."

Just evening we met and discussed the parking issue at Nelson Park and adopted a set of rules for parking on trust property which is consistent with town by-laws. We are not sure what the final construction will be along the sides of the street (sidewalks, berms, etc.) In order to avoid any issues that may come up with people parking along this section of Prentice Street, we respectfully request that it be clearly posted "no parking."

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

J. Roger Currier, Jr.
Clerk
Nelson Memorial Park & Library Trustees

EXHIBIT 3

Evening Chief Crepeau,

Hope all is well with you and yours. Summer months are just starting to crank up in our neighborhood with all the good stuff: BBQ's, kids on bikes, and walking to the park....

...Second, I didn't know if there was a way to get speed limit reduced from 30 mph to 20 mph in our neighborhood. I don't care if I have to go door to door, I could get signatures and support if needed. You know how tight these streets are and the density of children on bikes, people walking dogs, and elderly people this neighborhood is full of. I can petition the traffic safety committee, or whatever steps you think would help. The simple layout of the neighborhood roads does not allow for safe travel speeds of 30 mph.

Please let me know.

Thank you for all that you and your amazing department does for Grafton.

I appreciate you reading this.

Thanks,

Jon

EXHIBIT 4

From: Bill Fairbanks

Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 9:37 AM

To: Chief of Police Grafton <chief@graftonpolice.com>

Subject: Donahue Lane

Importance: High

Chief, since the state took out the caution light at Hollywood and 122, traffic does not slow down, it makes it very hard to make a left hand turn out of Donahue Lane. It is not easy to see around the bend and there have been a lot of near misses. Would it be possible to get a sign beware of hidden street or something to the effect that there is a street even though it hard to see when approaching it from 122 going north.

Thank YOU,
Bill Fairbanks

EXHIBIT 5

From: Malcolm Reid
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:16 PM
To: Normand Crepeau Jr. <chief@griftonpolice.com>
Subject: Traffic Safety - Hawthorne Street

Hi Chief ... we hope all is well with you.

Can you tell me how I can request Speed Limit signs or other devices to encourage drivers to drive slower on Hawthorne Street? There are kids, dogs and old people living here now. Some of the drivers in the neighborhood must think it's the Mass Pike ... driving way too fast. Please advise. Thanks

-Malcolm Reid

EXHIBIT 6

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my concern with the intersection between Rt. 140 and South Street on the Common in the center of town, most notably, traffic proceeding on Rt. 140 from Upton, continuing on Rt. 140 down Worcester Street.

The intersection is challenging regardless, though I would never assign blame to the Town of Grafton or even Mass DOT, as no matter how you cut it, it will be challenging. My concern is, when I, and other stop at the stop sign on South Street, coming from the direction of Highfields for example, and vehicles coming from Upton on Rt. 140 come to a full and complete stop to allow me to go. I assume those vehicles are trying to be nice and do not see that I have a stop sign and cannot proceed until it is clear, and instead assume there is a yield, or perhaps no signage at all.

This creates incredibly dangerous situation where vehicles, especially large trucks are coming to a full stop when drivers behind them do not expect them to. I assume this can be remedied by adding a simple sign that says "Traffic from left has a stop sign" or something to that effect. I assume this would be the responsibility of MassDOT, as it is a state road.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter; please see my contact information below;

Josh Bedarian
Grafton, MA 01519

Thanks!

EXHIBIT 7

Hi Chief Crepeau - I would respectfully request the safety committee considers additional measures to keep pedestrians safe at the intersection of Old Westboro, Whitney, and Gershom Dr. The yellow signs that were added to indicate pedestrians blend into the autumn leaves and aren't visible, and have not led to drivers slowing down or stopping for pedestrians crossing.

The following would be helpful:

1) Installing a crosswalk with a button pedestrians can push that sets off solar-powered flashing lights when they are about to cross. Westboro did this .25 miles down the road.



Alternatively, adding a traffic light.

2) Having regular speed patrols and/or radar speed signage:



3) Adding a connecting sidewalk from Grafton to Westboro that connects neighborhoods.

Thanks for considering safety measures that will protect neighborhood children crossing that road to play or standing at the bus stop at the base of Whitney St.

- Keri Drake